

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph on page 4, lines 5-13 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Referring to the drawings wherein like characters represent the same or corresponding components throughout the several views there is seen in FIGS 1, and 3 a disposable cartridge 10 having a cover portion 11 and a water chamber 12. A brew chamber 13 is formed in the cover portion 11 below the water chamber 12. The water chamber 12 is sealed from direct contact with the brew chamber 13. The water chamber 12 preferably contains filtered and/or purified water and /or spring water if desired. The brew chamber 13 contains the ingredients for the beverage to be brewed, such as coffee grounds for example.

Please replace Paragraph on page 4, lines 17-27 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

A housing 25, shown in Figures 1, and 3 includes a base 26, an electronic heating element 27, a piercing valve 28, an a first passage or tube 29, an expansion chamber 60, a second passage tube 61, a third passage 31 which provides an exit or outlet port, and a vessel support 32 on which a vessel such as cup 34 is placed to receive the brewed beverage. The expansion chamber 60 accommodates fluid expansion which occurs due to the heated water. In some instances, the fluid may take the form of steam. The base 26 has a cavity 33 that is complementary in shape to the cartridge 10. The passage 31 also has a piercing end 38 extending into the lower part of the cavity 33. The passage 61 has a piercing end 38 extending into the lower part of cavity 33.

Please replace Paragraph on page 4, line 28- page 5 line 4 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The passage 61 has an end 36 disposed adjacent the expansion chamber 60 adjacent to the passage 29 adjacent to the heating element 27 in a collecting and heating chamber 42. The passage 31 has an outer end 44 that extends over the vessel support 32 and the cup 34. With a screen or filter 23 are installed, the orientation of the cartridge 10 in the housing 25 is not critical. However, if the cartridge 10 is designed to be installed in a preferred position, the ears 17, 18 will have distinctive shapes to fit in respective recesses 47, 48. The cartridge 10, the cavity 33 and the upper receptacle 35 are substantially symmetrical about their respective longitudinal axes.

Please replace Paragraph on page 5 lines 5-17 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

With reference to FIG. 2, the base housing 26 is connected with an appropriate electrical connection in a conventional manner either automatic or manual. The cartridge 10A is inserted into the cavity 33. When the cartridge 10 is fully inserted, the piercing valve 28 will pierce the cartridge 10, The heater 27 will be energized and water from the water cartridge 10, will enter the heating chamber 42. The heated water will flow upward through the tube 29 and into the brew chamber 70. Where the beverage will be brewed as the water passes through the filter 71 and brew ingredients 72. An expansion area 60A formed immediately above the filter 71 accommodates hot water and steam expansion. The brewed liquid exits through exit port 73 and into the cup 34. When the heating chamber 42 is empty, the heating element 27 is de-energized by any conventional sensing circuit and the cup 34 can be ~~remover~~ removed from the support 32.